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| <b>Notice of Allowability</b> | <b>Application No.</b>  | <b>Applicant(s)</b> |      |
|                               | 10/634,390              | MOTONISHI ET AL.    |      |
|                               | Examiner<br>Mark Blouin | <b>Art Unit</b>     | 2653 |

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to amendment filed 9/13/05.
  2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 3,5,6,11, and 12 (renumbered as 1-5).
  3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
    - a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:
      1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
      2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
      3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**
4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
 Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
  6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)<br>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)<br>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____<br>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152).<br>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____<br>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment<br>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance<br>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |
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## Detailed Action

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

**Withdrawn Claims 7-10 have been cancelled.**

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. All relevant rejections have been withdrawn as being satisfied.

#### *Reasons for Allowance*

2. Claims 3,5,6,11, and 12 (renumbered as 1-5) are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

This application is for a magnetic head assembly.

- **Claim 3** specifies a magnetic head assembly, which requires:

“...wherein the flexure comprises a junction piece protruded from an edge of the flexure for joining the load beam and *a main flexure having a cleavage part that is cleaved upon exertion of an external force pulling the main flexure in a leading end direction in a state that the junction piece is left joined to the load beam.*”

These features, in combination with the other features of Claim 3, are not anticipated by, nor made obvious over, the prior art of record.

- **Claim 12** specifies a magnetic head assembly, which requires:

*"...wherein the flexure is a sub-flexure and a junction piece of a main flexure that is cleaved at a cleavage pad of the main flexure remains on the load beam, the sub-flexure being joined to the load beam at a position different from the junction piece of the main flexure."*

These features, in combination with the other features of Claim 12, are not anticipated by, nor made obvious over, the prior art of record.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### *Conclusion*

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Blouin whose telephone number is 571-272-7583. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 6:00 to 3:30 pm.

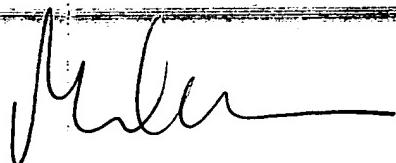
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Korzuch, can be reached on 571-272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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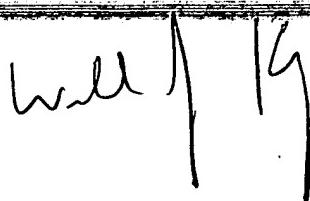
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